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SUBJ: NEW UK/USSR AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN SCIENCE,  
TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION

1. ON FEB. 17 SCIENCE ATTACHE VISITED INTERNATIONAL  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION UNIT OF DEPARTMENT  
OF TRADE, LOCATED IN BUILDING B13, CULHAM LABORATORY,  
BERKSHIRE. UNIT CONSISTS OF FIVE SCIENTISTS AND IS  
HEADED BY DR. BOB ROBERTS, FORMERLY RADIATION CHEMIST  
AT HARWELL.

2. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH ROBERTS, ATTACHE WAS SHOWN  
COPY OF NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN UK AND USSR, TO BE SIGNED  
BY PRIME MINISTER WILSON AND CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV IN  
MOSCOW ON FEB. 17. UNABLE OBTAIN COPY OF AGREEMENT.

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ROBERTS THOUGHT TEXT WOULD BE PUBLISHED PRAVDA.

3. ROBERTS STATED THAT DETAILS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PORTION OF AGREEMENT WERE NEGOTIATED IN MOSCOW ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO.

4. TEXT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT COVERED APPROXIMATELY FIVE PAGES, DOUBLE SPACED. EXTREMELY COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT COVERING ALL MAJOR FIELDS OF BASIC SCIENCE, LISTED ON FIRST PAGE, AND MOST SIGNIFICANT FIELDS OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY LISTED ON REMAINING FOUR PAGES. NOTED ELECTRONICS, SEMICONDUCTORS, INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY IN ALL PHASES INCLUDING SOFTWARE, CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING PETROCHEMICALS, POLYMERS AND PLASTICS IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL, AEROSPACE AND JET ENGINE DEVELOPMENTS, RADAR, IL SYSTEMS, TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY, NUCLEAR REACTORS, FUELS, COAL TECHNOLOGY, INORGANIC MATERIALS, INCLUDING METALS, CERAMICS, GLASSES, ETC., PHARMACEUTICALS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, ETC., ETC. AGREEMENT TO BE IMPLEMENTED OVER A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS.

5. SEPARATE AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION NEGOTIATED BY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE. TEXT ABOUT SAME LENGTH AS S&T AGREEMENT. CALLS FOR NEGOTIATION OF PROCESS AND PRODUCT LICENSES, EXCHANGE OF INDUSTRIAL EXPERTS, TRAINING, ETC. SAW NO REFERENCE TO QUESTION OF EXPANSION OF TRADE BY EITHER SIDE. COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF INDUSTRIES, COVERING PRACTICALLY EVERY TYPE OF MINING, PROCESS AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN THE UK.

6. ROBERTS SAID THE ITC WOULD HAVE TO ADMINISTER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT, WHICH WOULD BE NO EASY TASK. AS A RESULT OF EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH THE SOVIETS AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE EASTERN BLOC, HAD DEFINITE IDEAS ON HOW TO PROCEED.

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7. WAS OPPOSED TO PERMANENT S&T WORKING PARTIES. THESE WERE GOOD EXCUSES FOR REGULAR VISITS AND ENTERTAINING, BUT RESULTED IN LITTLE OF COMMERCIAL VALUE. BETTER TECHNIQUE WAS A STUDY VISIT BY EACH SIDE TO THE OTHER ON A ONE-SHOT BASIS. STUDY TEAM SHOULD BE TECHNICAL EXPERTS DIRECTLY FROM THE INDUSTRY INVOLVED TO CORRESPONDING USSR INDUSTRY, BY-PASSING TRADING COOPERATION. VISITS MUST RESULT IN LICENSE NEGOTIATION, OTHERWISE CONSIDERED FAILURE. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, UK GOVERNMENT TRIED TO KEEP OWN S&T PEOPLE OUT OF THE ACT. EXCEPTION WAS NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES WHICH WERE CAPABLE OF TOUGH COMMERCIAL BARGAINING, COMPARABLE WITH THAT OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY.

8. ROBERTS FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT WITH ALL SUCH AGREEMENTS THERE WAS A DESIRE BY EACH SIDE TO GET MORE THAN IT GAVE. UK WAS GOING TO CONSIDER EACH TOPIC CAREFULLY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THERE WERE SEVERAL AREAS IN WHICH UK COULD NOT GAIN A GREAT DEAL FROM RUSSIAN TECHNOLOGY. NUCLEAR REACTORS CITED AS AN EXAMPLE. UK HAD LITTLE INTEREST IN RUSSIAN LWR TECHNOLOGY. GREAT INTEREST IN BREEDER REACTORS, WHERE UK FELT IT HAD DEFINITE ADVANTAGE. THEREFORE, UK MIGHT DRAG FEET IN NUCLEAR AREA. ONE APPROACH WAS TO LEAVE PROBLEM IN HANDS OF UK NUCLEAR INDUSTRY WHICH HAD NOT PARTICIPATED STRONGLY IN BREEDER TECHNOLOGY.

9. ISTC UNIT IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR AGREEMENTS WITH MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES. US OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR

BILATERAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENTS COULD  
BENEFIT FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH ROBERTS AND GROUP.

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